

Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing April Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 5:30 – 7:30p

Via Zoom

Livestream Link: https://youtu.be/RQ1izW4vFhY

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lakayana Drury, Andrew Kalloch, Amy Anderson, Britt Masback, Yolonda Salguiero, Vadim Mozyrsky, Marcia Perez, Steve Trujilo, Taji Chesimet, Andre La Roche, Ja'Mari Etherly

PUBLIC PRESENT

51 Participants

MINUTES

Welcome /New Member	 Welcoming remarks from committee member Lakayana. He thanks everyone for attending the PCCEP first general body meeting via Zoom. New Member Introductions: Andre La Roche - Andre describes himself as a good listener who is empathetic to the needs and concerns of others. Andre believes that the PCCEP provides the opportunity to be a liaison between the community and the law enforcement officers. Andre is a practicing attorney. Taji Chesimet - Taji served on the Multnomah Youth Commission for about a year and a half on their Youth Against Violence and Youth Education/Voice sub-committees. For the past year or so, Taji has been the youth representative on the City of Portland's 3.96 Code-Change Committee.
	• PCCEP project director Theo Latta shares the Zoom functions operations for tonight's meeting. Explains how PCCEP staff will support the Zoom meeting (e.g. having control of the mute bottom).
PPB COVID Updates	 Portland Police Bureau (PPB) Updates regarding COVID-19. Officer Peck and Sergeant Duelio provide an update. A noticed in calls that went down are; shoplift, criminal mischief, and petty crimes. Calls that went up are; welfare checks, food box requests, and homeless. A drop in shootings occurred when the "stay at home order" was first put in place then after two weeks a spike in shootings went up. Last year at this time PPB responded to 128 shootings, this year at this time PPB has responded to 167 shootings. Since January PPB has collected over 800 casings. The unit has recovered over 50 fire harms. Officers are wearing N95 masks and taking precautions. PCCEP Comment Question: Any working theories on why gun violence is up? Answer: PPB acknowledges there are a lot of different factors that come into play but there is no real theory, its unknown.



o Question: How many encounters does PPB believe are drug related? Answer: A fair number of shootings are drug related.

o Question: Has PPB been receiving calls on people violating the "stay at home order"? Answer: A concern with people doing drugs with their kids' home which is why some citizens are upset and concern with the situation.

• Public Comment

- Question: Are wellness classes continuing during the crisis? Answer: PPB is currently not practicing the wellness program due to the governor's orders following COVID-19. There are some wellness programs the bureau is still doing (e.g. mindfulness and meditation).
- Question: Can the police gather/ track data on who's getting warned, cited and arrested? Answer: There a specific code being used for COVID-19 so the bureau will be able to track the data.
- O Public Comment: Great acknowledgement for Sunshine Division and the officers who are supporting families during this time.

Subcommittee Reports

Steering

PCCEP staff provided an update on Zoom logistics for the April 28th general body meeting. The Portland Police Bureau (PPB) provided updates regarding COVID-19 and share the bureau's <u>podcast</u> information. Discussed logistics for the proposed subcommittee(s) community engagement plans, the steering committee would like to review plans in May. Had a follow up on the Fesser incident with a suggestion to wait for the outcomes of the investigation that's ongoing before crafting a recommendation. Developed the April 28th PCCEP agenda which included a presentation by the Compliance Officer and Community Liaison (COCL) on the quarterly report as of April 6,2020.

• Youth

Held two work sessions during the month of April. (1) Continuing the work on the youth survey for Portland Public Schools (PPS) however the survey is currently on hold due COVID-19 and students not physically in school. (2) Crafting a mission and goals. Draft mission statement; "The PCCEP Youth Sub-Committee aims to address existing tensions between young people and the Portland Police Bureau by helping to build healthy and sustainable relationships through youth-centered engagement and by making space for shared dialogue." Draft goals; PPS Survey - Finalize Application, IRB Submission, Identity sustainable group of youth interested in PCCEP Policy Recommendations with MYC (Using GARE Research).

Racial Equity

Reviewed the <u>PPB Racial Equity Plan</u>, PPB presented on <u>Community Engagement</u> in the PPB Racial Equity Plan and the subcommittee ID the highest impact to community. Discussed developing a community engagement plan for the subcommittee. The hope is to develop a plan in May. Connected with the youth subcommittee and discussed the intersections of the different work both subcommittees are doing.

Settlement Agreement and Policy

O Developed and reviewed the subcommittee's community engagement plan. The <u>SAPS Engagement Plan</u> has been broken into three parts; PCCEP Community Engagement Awards, Pizza and Policing Policy Workshops, Data "Hack-a-Thon". Modifications to the community engagement plan will be made. Held a



discussion open mic during the subcommittee monthly meeting as well to discuss key policy issues related to COVID-19.

• Behavioral Health

O Held their first relaunch meeting on April 21st. Heard from the public and former members on their experience with the previous subcommittee (The Subcommittee for People with Mental Illness). Discussed focusing on community engagement with a focus on the most affected communities such as the houseless community. Plans to meet with the Training Advisory Council in May and discuss the issues and concerns with people experience mental health.

COCL Presentation

- Presentation by the Compliance Officer and Community Liaison (COCL) on the <u>Compliance and Outcome Assessment Report Quarterly Report: Quarter 1 Updates and Analysis DRAFT April 2020</u>
- The COCL townhall presentation
- Dr. Rosenbaum mentions that both the Department of Justice and the Compliance have both given substantial compliance of Section 9 as of January 10th, 2020.
- PCCEP Comment
 - O Question: How do we have a discussion around safety considerations? Answer: Examples given is that officers are being educated about implicit bias and procedural injustice.
 - o Comment: As PCCEP members we should be more critical about the report and provide specific examples.
 - O Comment: Things for the mental health community have seen improvement (e.g. Unity Center).
 - O Question: Does COCL see any areas that could be improve? Answer: Training with innovating topics.
 - O Asked about the revisions being made to the stop forms and to include PCCEP in the design process given sensitivities/data.
- Public Comment
 - O Comment: There is a gap of disparities in the system.
 - O Comment: There is still hurt happening right now and there needs to be a place where that can be shared.
- Submit Feedback to COCL by May 8th at 5:00p. Email to: rosenbaumandassociatesllp@gmail.com

General Meetings

- (TABLED DUE TO TIME) Proposal to shorten the general meetings while unable to meet in person
- Closing remarks the next set standing meeting will be held on <u>Tuesday, May 26th from5:30-7:30pm via Zoom.</u>